

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Before a player is dealt the five cards in the video poker game, the player makes a separate bet on predicting what cards will be dealt on the initial five card deal. In a preferred embodiment the upper half of the game display depicts the entire deck of cards used in the particular video poker game. The player marks up to five cards on the display of cards, and if the player has accurately predicted any of the five cards that were subsequently dealt at the commencement of the video poker game, the player is then awarded credits based on the amount wagered, number of cards selected, and number of selected cards which were actually dealt. The player may also make a similar bet on predicting what cards will be dealt in the draw portion of the video poker game and again be awarded credits based on the amount wagered, number of cards selected, and number of selected cards which were actually dealt in the draw..